

**AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:**

The following claim set replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A process Process for the production of a food product from a whey intermediate containing annatto as wherein an intermediate form of said food product comprises a pigment, which process comprises:
  - (a) contacting a whey intermediate containing annatto as a pigment said intermediate form of the food product with at least one enzyme for which annatto said pigment is a substrate under conditions such that at least a portion of the annatto said pigment present in the whey intermediate said intermediate form of said food product is converted directly by said at least one enzyme to form a whitened whey intermediate; and into a form such that the whiteness of at least part of said intermediate form of said food product is increased and
    - (b) preparing the said food product is thereby prepared from the whitened whey intermediate obtained from step (a).
2. (currently amended) The process Process according to claim 1 wherein the food product is made from flour.
3. (currently amended) The process Process according to claim 1 wherein the food product is a dairy product.
4. (canceled)
5. (currently amended) The process Process according to claim 1 wherein the enzyme is added as an enzyme preparation derived from a microorganism or produced in situ by a microorganism capable of producing said enzyme.

6. (currently amended) The process ~~Process~~ according to claim 5 wherein the enzyme is added as an enzyme preparation derived from or produced in situ by a bacterium, a fungus or a yeast.
7. (currently amended) The process ~~Process~~ according to claim 6 wherein the fungus belongs to the genus *Marasmus*.
8. (previously presented) A food product made by the process according to claim 1.
9. (previously presented) A food product which comprises at least one part thereof that has been subjected to treatment with an enzyme according to the process of claim 1.
10. (canceled)
11. (currently amended) The process ~~Process~~ according to claim 2, wherein the flour is wheat flour.
12. (currently amended) The process ~~Process~~ according to claim 7, wherein the fungus is *Marasmus scorodonius*.
13. (canceled)
14. (canceled)
15. (new) A process for whitening annatto-containing whey comprising contacting an annatto-containing whey with a beta-carotene converting enzyme obtained from *Marasmus scorodonius*.